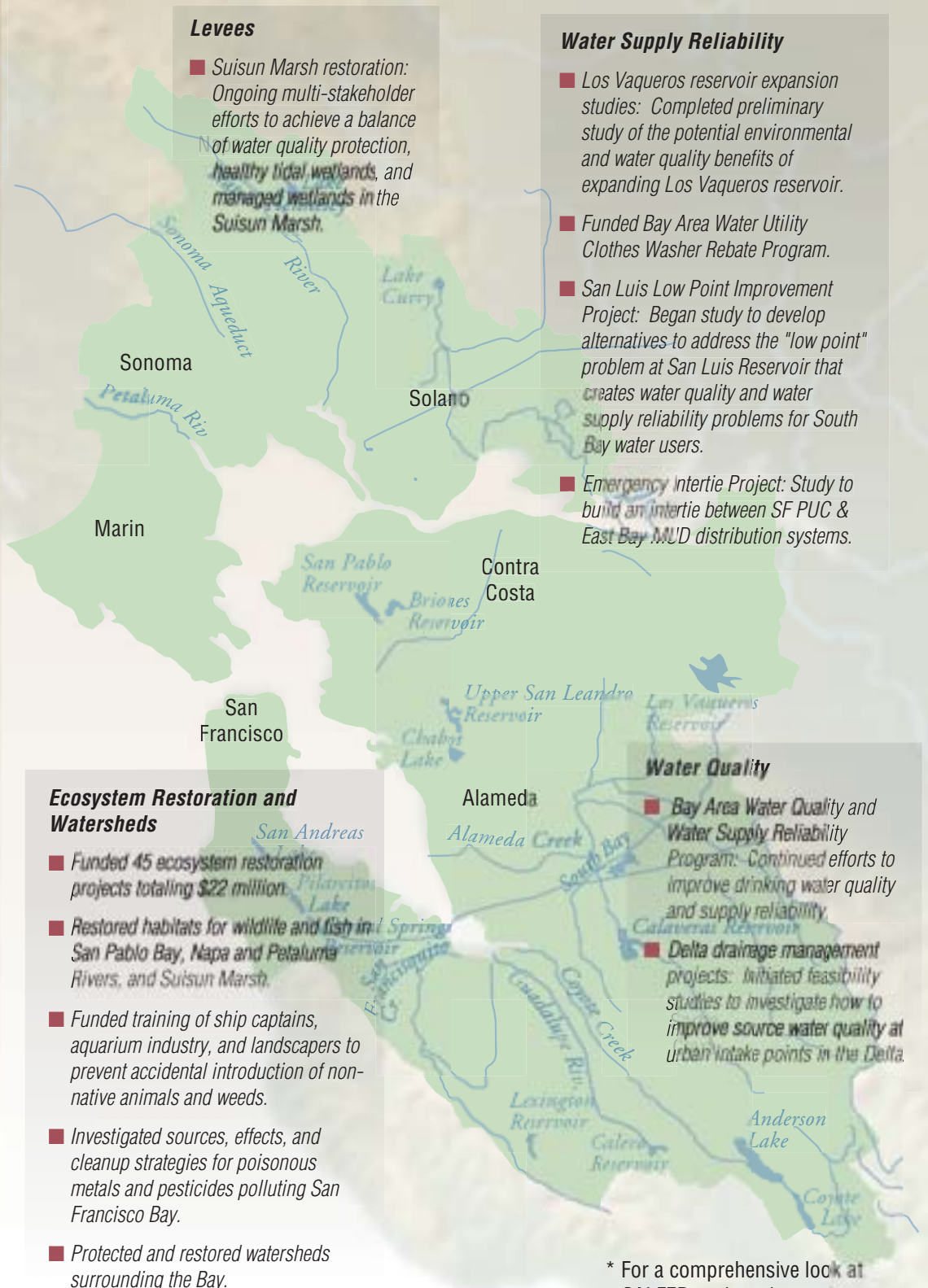


## REGIONAL VIEW BAY

**YEARS 1 & 2 Funding | 85 projects for approx. \$42,000,000**

### The Bay Region:

- The Bay region is the fourth largest metropolitan area in the United States and the second largest in California, with water supply reliability and drinking water quality issues becoming even more challenging in the future.
- The Bay and adjoining Delta comprise the West Coast's largest estuary.
- The Bay region drains more than 40% of the state's water.
- The Bay has lost over 75% of its vital wetlands.



\* For a comprehensive look at CALFED projects log on to <http://calfed.ca.gov>

## INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

- Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) CALFED Task Force: Local elected officials and elected water district board members established a task force in 2000 to promote the CALFED program in the Bay Area. The task force has supported CALFED legislation, reviewed local CALFED ecosystem projects, educated local government on regional water issues, and initiated efforts to link smart growth and water supply planning.
- Bay Area Water Agencies Coalition (BAWAC): Seven Bay Area water agencies joined together in 2002 to provide a unified voice in resolving the region's water quality and supply reliability challenges.



*Los Vaqueros Reservoir*

## REGIONAL PRIORITIES AND ISSUES

- Improve ecosystem health in the San Francisco Bay and its tributary watersheds to contribute to the overall resilience of the Bay-Delta estuary
- Improve drinking water quality across the region by continuing to meet and exceed current drinking water standards
- Improve water supply reliability across the region to protect the environment and public health as well as economic health and quality of life

## STATEWIDE BENEFITS

Many actions taken in the Bay benefit other regions. These include:

- Improved regional cooperation on water quality improvements and regional interties can help take pressure off Delta diversions during droughts and other emergencies
- Restoration of wetlands in the Bay contributes to improved overall health of the estuary
- Water quality improvements in the Bay and its watersheds help support healthy anadromous fish populations